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SUBJ: AIRLIFT WRAP-UP

REF: STATE 221810, 220096, BAMAKO 3460, NOUAKCHOTT 1095, 1083,
956, 944 AND A-54

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES USG AND OTHER DONOR AIRLIFT EFFORTS
TO DATE. ALTERNATIVES TO ANOTHER AIRLIFT EFFORT NEXT YEAR AS
SEEN BY FEI MISSION AND FAO (I.E. CONSTRUCTION ADDITIONAL STOR-
AGE CAPACITY AT PROVINCIAL CAPITALS). CONTAINED NOUAKCHOTT 944,
956 AND A-54.

1. AIRLIFTS:

A. USAF, OCTOBER 9 THRU NOVEMBER 6: THREE C-130S BASED BAMAKO
AND NOUAKCHOTT LIFTED TOTAL 1246 MT GRAIN PLUS SEVERAL HUNDRED
KILOS MEDICINE (BAMAKO 3460) AT ESTIMATED COST DOLLARS 232,000
(STATE 22096), PLUS LOCAL EXPENSES BAMAKO.

B. FRG, AUGUST 29 THRU SEPTEMBER 21: TWO C-160 TRANSALLS BASED
NOUAKCHOTT LIFTED 526 MT GRAIN AND MILK POWDER. FRG EMBASSY
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UNABLE SUPPLY COST ESTIMATES, BUT BELIEVES OPERATIONAL COST

C-160 ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS THAN C-130. LUFTWAFFE AIRLIFT RESUMED
NOVEMBER 7 WITH TARGET SOME 500 MT GRAIN OVER TWO-WEEK PERIOD.

C. FRANCE, JULY 12 THRU 30: TWO NORD ATLAS BASED NOUAKCHOTT
TRANSPORTED 130 MT GRAIN; SEPTEMBER 19 THRU OCTOBER 5: SINGLE
NORD ATLAS LIFTED 102 MT GRAIN, FOR TOTAL 232 MT. FRENCH MIL-
ATTACHE UNABLE ESTIMATE COSTS.

D. SPAIN, AUGUST 27 THRU SEPTEMBER 17: TWO C-47S BASED NOUAK-
CHOTT LIFTED 38.5 MT GRAIN AND 1.5 MT MEDICAL SUPPLIES. SPANISH
AMBASSADOR UNABLE ESTIMATE COST.

E. LIBYA, ONE C-130 SEPTEMBER 10 THRU 22 AND SEPTEMBER 25 THRU
OCTOBER 4: NO RECORDS AVAILABLE LIBYAN EMBASSY. WE ESTIMATE
LIBYANS LIFTED FROM 380 TO 400 MT GRAIN.

2. ALTERNATIVES TO AIRLIFT: MOST VIABLE ALTERNATIVE FROM OUR POINT
OF VIEW IS CONSTRUCTION WAREHOUSES AT KEY PROVINCIAL CAPITALS
FOR PRE-POSITION STOCKS PRIOR 1974 RAINY SEASON. REFTELS GIVING
CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS AVAILABLE FROM AFR/CWR/SDE, MR. FARNHAM.
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